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*Serial No. 08/353,942*  
*Title: TIRE WITH APEX RUBBER BLEND*  
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In re Application of: )  
Thomas Joseph Segatta, et al. )  
For: TIRE WITH APEX RUBBER )  
BLEND )  
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action including the Supplemental Examiner's Answer mailed October 3, 2003, paper number 33, Applicants respond with the following Reply Brief. The Fourth Declaration of Paul Harry Sandstrom accompanies this response.

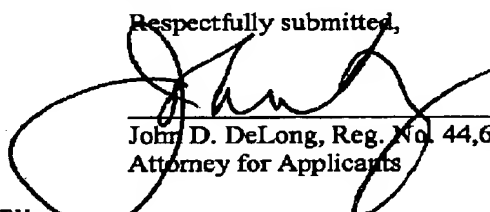
REMARKSReply Brief to Supplemental Examiner's Answer

The Examiner notes that an addition to the declaration of Paul Harry Sandstrom filed May 17, 1996 (Third Declaration) would be sufficient to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants herewith submit a Fourth Declaration of Paul Harry Sandstrom. Applicants note that this declaration is substantially identical to the Third Declaration, with the addition of the following language to paragraph (3): "Specifically, I am the inventor of the rubber composition recited in U.S. Patent 5,174,838 and its general use in tires."

Conclusion

Applicants urge that all claims are now allowable. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance for all claims.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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